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1. Shortly before Christmas 1950 pork completely disappeared from the markets of Bucharest. No pork was sold in the state stores and the price on the black market reached 220 to 280 lei per kilogram.
2. It is believed that a serious meat shortage will develop in Rumania by early February 1951 since the Rumanian Government has no livestock reserve. The authorities are buying the cattle of private individuals to feed the population. But the number of livestock in private hands has decreased sharply and has now almost disappeared because of heavy taxation and the lack of feed. Only now is the Rumanian Government giving consideration to the creation of a livestock reserve.

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